

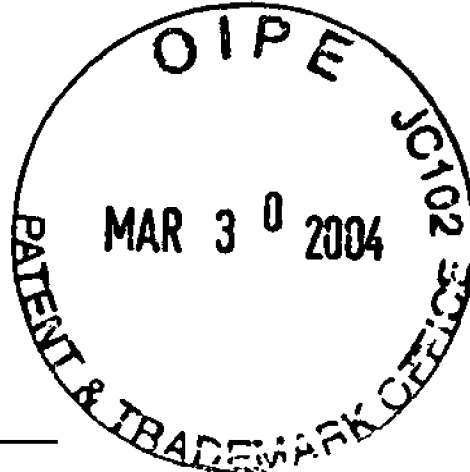
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CELL SPECIFIC G-PROTEIN ALPHA
SUBUNIT

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2003, and the Advisory Action mailed November 14, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for time extension for three months, from January 1, 2004, to April 1, 2004, is filed herewith. Also filed concurrently is a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.